NATIONAL DAIRY MARKET AT A GLANCE

At the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), Grade AA butter decreased 8 cents to $1.5200, Grade A decreased 24 1/2 cents to 1.2500, and Grade B decreased 24 1/2 cents to $1.2500. Also at the CME, barrel cheese prices decreased 3/4 of a cent to $1.2925 and 40# blocks increased 1/4 cent to $1.4350.

The "basic formula price used in Federal Orders" (BFP) for November 1997 is $12.96 per cwt. at 3.5% test. This price is 13 cents more than last month and $1.35 more than November 1996. The November BFP is the base month M/W price of $12.91 plus a change of $.05, which is the change in the butter/powder/cheese formula from October to November. For November, the NASS U.S. average 40# block cheese price was $1.3852. The butterfat differential was $0.167. Class III-A prices are: for Federal Orders 1 & 2, $14.07; for Order 4, $14.09; for Orders 124, 131, & 135, $13.89; for other affected orders, $14.01.

On December 4, 1997, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Justice has filed a motion for a stay pending appeal in the Eighth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Minnesota. This motion results from a Nov. 3, 1997, ruling by a federal judge in Minnesota that enjoins the Secretary of Agriculture from enforcing existing Class I differentials in certain Federal milk marketing order areas. A request to the original District Court judge to stay his injunction is also pending. If the stay is granted, by either Court, USDA could continue to enforce Class I differentials in all Federal milk orders during the appeals process. USDA continues developing the major milk marketing order reforms called for in the 1996 Farm Bill and expects an announcement of a proposed rule early in 1998.

During November DEIP acceptances totaled: 16,116 Metric Tons (MT) of NDM; 493 MT of whole milk; 567 MT of cheese; and 2,050 MT of butter and anhydrous milkfat.

Milk production is showing seasonal increases in many areas of the country. Surplus milk volumes were generally minimal over the extended holiday weekend. Fluid orders were generally strong for both regular and holiday feature orders. Cream demand is still good from both butter makers and Class II accounts. Some unsettledness is developing on pricing. While multiples are steady, buyers are demanding they be based on upcoming butter markets. Their thoughts and feelings are that butter prices will follow historic December trends and decline in price. Butter orders are good following the recent Thanksgiving holiday buying season. Some contacts were concerned over movements, but early indications are that butter sales were good. Seasonal interest remains good for sour cream and cream cheese.

Nonfat dry milk prices are holding mostly steady in all regions. Despite some new DEIP acceptances, offerings remain in excess of current industry needs. Dry whey markets remain slightly firm and are helped by the limited availability of additional whey. Demand is clearing offerings and supported by both edible and animal feed accounts. Buttermilk prices are mainly steady and demand is sometimes improved from seasonal accounts. Supplies are readily available in most regions.

During the period of November 26 - December 5, CCC purchased 773,814 pounds of Western NDM under the price support program.

****SPECIAL THIS ISSUE****

BUTTER MARKETS

CHICAGO WHOLESALE

Dollars per pound, trucklot, bulk in fiber boxes, delivered metropolitan area, prices include CCC purchase price whenever bulk butter is moving to CCC from the Midwest area.

GRADE	NOV 28 & DEC 2	DECEMBER 4	DECEMBER 5
AA	$1.6000 - 1.6100	$1.6000 - 1.6100	$1.6000 - 1.6100
A	$1.4950 - 1.5050	$1.4950 - 1.5050	$1.4950 - 1.5050

( ) Change from previous price.

BUTTER HIGHLIGHTS: At the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Grade AA butter decreased 8 cents to $1.5200, Grades A and B both decreased 24 1/2 cents to $1.2500. The market tone is weaker and still unsettled. This drop is a little earlier than some had expected, but not a big surprise. Most contacts expect further drops in the coming weeks. Production levels range from light to moderate. Demand is fair to good, but most buyers are trying to stay as current as possible.

CHEESE MARKETS

WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY POINTS

Dollars per pound, standard moisture basis (37.8-39.0%), carlot/trucklot, F.O.B. plants or storage centers, prices include CCC purchase price whenever cheese is moving to CCC from the Midwest area.

CHEDDAR STYLES	DECEMBER 1 - 5, 1997
BARRELS*	$1.3000 - 1.3200 (NOMINAL)
	(-.0050) (-.0050)
40# BLOCKS	$1.4625 - 1.4675 (NOMINAL)
	(.0125) (.0075)

( ) Change from previous week. * If steel, barrel returned.

CHEESE HIGHLIGHTS: The cheese market is firm on blocks, weak on barrels, though nervousness is developing on block prices. At the CME, in moderate trading, 40# blocks increased 1/4 cent to $1.4350 and barrels decreased 3/4 of a cent to $1.2925. Natural supplies are tight to in balance with barrel holdings tight to adequate. Manufacturing schedules remain seasonal. In many areas, very limited supplies of extra milk were available over the holiday weekend. See page 13 of this report for a summary of a CCC cheese purchase and another invitation for January delivery.

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE

BUTTER TRANSACTIONS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1997

(CARLOT UNIT = 40,000 - 42,000 LBS.)

GRADE	PRICE CHANGE	LAST SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTION - LST		
AA	-.0800	$1.5200	BID	12/05/97
A	-.2450	$1.2500	OFFER	12/05/97
B	-.2450	$1.2500	OFFER	12/05/97

SALES: 4 CARS GRADE AA:
2 @ $1.4000, 1 @ $1.3975, 1 @ $1.3950

BIDS UNFILLED: 7 CARS GRADE AA: 2 @ $0.9000,
3 @ $0.9500, 1 @ $1.0500, 1 @ $1.5200 (LST)
1 CAR GRADE A @ $0.900

OFFERS UNCOVERED: 1 CAR GRADE AA @ $1.6000
2 CARS GRADE A: 1 @ $1.4500, 1 @ $1.2500 (LST)
1 CAR GRADE B @ $1.2500 (LST)

CHEESE TRANSACTIONS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1997

(CARLOAD UNIT = 40,000-44,000 LBS.)

CHEDDAR STYLES	PRICE CHANGE	LAST SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTION		
BARRELS	-.0075	$1.2925	SALE	12/04/97
40# BLOCKS	+.0025	$1.4350	SALE	12/04/97

SALES: 6 CARS BARRELS:
2 @ $1.3000, 1 @ $1.3100, 1 @ $1.2975,
1 @ $1.2950, 1 @ $1.2925 (LST)

11 CARS 40# BLOCKS @ $1.4350 (LST)

BIDS UNFILLED: NONE

OFFERS UNCOVERED: 2 CARS BARRELS:
2 @ $1.3025, 1 @ $1.3000

Last week's trading activity can be found on page 2.

CHEESE TRADING ACTIVITY AT THE NOVEMBER 26, CME

SALES: 23 CARS BARRELS:
6 @ $1.3050, 3 @ $1.3150, 1 @ 1.3125,
2 @ $1.3225, 2 @ $1.3250, 1 @ $1.3325,
1 @ $1.3275, 1 @ $1.3375, 1 @ $1.3350,
1 @ $1.3450, 1 @ $1.3550, 1 @ $1.3400,
1 @ $1.3500, 1 @ $1.3000 (LST)
24 CARS 40# BLOCKS:
11 @ $1.4300, 13 @ $1.4325 (LST)

BIDS UNFILLED: NONE

OFFERS UNCOVERED: 7 CARS BARRELS
5 @ $1.3825, 1 @ $1.3650, 1 @ $1.3050

NASS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRICE SURVEY

WEEK ENDING - **NOVEMBER 21 - REVISED**

	MN/WI	WEST	U.S.
40# BLOCKS	1.4430	1.3719	1.3884
	873,026	4,097,030	5,401,882
640# BLOCKS			
			1.3484
			1,562,137
BARRELS (adjusted to 39% moisture)			
	1.3427	1.3226	1.3303
	3,306,215	5,199,181	8,505,396

NOVEMBER AGRICULTURAL PRICES SUMMARY

The All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in November was 107 based on 1990-92=100, unchanged from October. Price increases from October for soybeans, eggs, tomatoes, and grapes more than offset price decreases for lettuce, corn, peanuts, and hogs. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall index level. Lower seasonal marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and lettuce more than offset the relatively higher marketings of cotton lint, milk, cattle, and cottonseed. These marketing changes offset the slight increase in prices.

The U.S. average All Milk price in November was $14.30 per cwt. at a fat test of 3.76%, up $.30 from last month, down $.90 from last year. For Fluid Grade Milk, prices averaged $14.40 per cwt. (3.76%), up $.40 from last month, down $.90 from last year. Dairy farmers marketing Manufacturing Grade Milk received $13.30 per cwt. (3.92%), up $.10 from last month, up $.90 from last year. All Milk prices with fat tests and comparisons to last month for the following selected states were: California, $13.30 (3.74%), up $.39; Wisconsin, $14.50 (3.86%), up $.23; New York, $14.60 (3.79%), up $.50; Pennsylvania, $14.70 (3.70%), unchanged; and, Minnesota, $14.40 (3.89%), up $.13.

The November Index of Prices Paid by Farmers for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates was 116% of the 1990-92 average. The index was unchanged from October 1997 but was up 1 point (0.9%) from November 1996. Since October 1997, lower prices for feed concentrates, complete feeds, replacement livestock, gasoline, and feed grains were partially offset by higher diesel fuel, farm machinery, agricultural chemical, and LP gas prices.

PRINT BUTTER MARKETS - GRADE AA

NORTHEAST

Prices are unchanged, but the market tone is still unsettled. Contacts now wonder if, when, and how far butter prices will drop. Most know the typical December pattern of prices at the CME and are trying to keep purchases and inventories as current as possible. Some producers have already cut back on churning unless cream prices are attractive enough to warrant increased butter production. Some producers are trying to catch up with orders, but they are not building stocks. Retail demand was fair to good, but high prices didn't help. Food service orders are good.

WHOLESALE PRICES: MIN 25 BOXES
DOLLARS PER POUND, DELIVERED EAST COAST CITIES

1/4 LB. PRINTS	: 1.8100-2.0575
1 LB. PRINTS	: 1.7250-1.9075
CHIPS/PATTIES	: 1.7875-1.9675
REDDIES	: 1.8625-2.0575
CONTINENTALS	: 1.9425-2.1175

CENTRAL

Prices are unchanged. However, the market tone remains unsettled. Contacts at all levels of the market are uncertain about possible future price changes and are proceeding cautiously. Historically, butter prices fall in mid-December, but contacts are speculating about when, if, and how much prices may fall. Butter stocks are still reported as tight, but orders are not as aggressive as some had expected. Buyers seem to be assessing their Thanksgiving sales and remaining inventories before ordering for the year end holidays. Production levels were up slightly over the holiday weekend. Although, producers who expect price drops in the near future, are trying to limit their output. Retail sales are fair and food service orders are fair to good.

FOB CENTRAL STATES PLANTS: MIN 20,000 POUNDS, $ PER POUND

1/4 LB. PRINTS	: 1.7000-2.1075
1 LB. PRINTS	: 1.6650-1.8275
CHIPS/PATTIES	: 1.6900-1.9000
REDDIES	: 1.7750-2.0100
CONTINENTALS	: 1.9300-2.1200

WEST

Western print butter prices are holding steady. Most sellers are very pleasantly surprised at how strong reorders are coming in after the Thanksgiving holiday. Some are even calling the reorders "huge". Both bulk and print orders are good. A number of churns are making butter only to order. This means that butter stocks are on the tight side and, because of the short delivery times available, this is a concern for filling orders in a timely fashion for end of the year holidays. Demand for cream is excellent, further limiting churning activity. Stocks are generally tight. Many contacts are anticipating that market prices on the Exchange may weaken in the next few weeks for historical and calendar reasons more than current supply and demand conditions.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED WESTERN CITIES
150 - 1000 POUNDS, DOLLARS PER POUND

1/4 LB. PRINTS	: 1.8825-1.9300
1 LB. PRINTS	: 1.8125-1.8725
PATTIES	: 1.8550-2.0200
REDDIES	: 1.9800-1.9975

FOB CALIFORNIA PLANTS - GRADE AA
100 CASES AND UP, DOLLARS PER POUND

1/4 LB. PRINTS	: 1.5975-1.6375

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS
IN THOUSAND POUNDS - INCLUDING GOVERNMENT STOCKS

	BUTTER	CHEESE
12/01/97	5,661	104,357
11/01/97	12,578	109,419
CHANGE	-6,917	-5,062
% CHANGE	-55	-5

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage report of Oct. 31, 1997 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings as of Dec. 1, 1997 are:

Butter 12 million pounds plus or minus 4.98 percent
Cheese 381 million pounds plus or minus 2.52 percent

NASS CHEDDAR CHEESE PRICE SURVEY

WEEK ENDING	40# BLOCKS MN/WI	40# BLOCKS WEST	40# BLOCKS U.S.	640# BLOCKS U.S.	BARRELS (adjusted to 39% moisture) MN/WI	BARRELS OTH STATES	BARRELS U.S.
	1.4503	1.3704	1.3864	1.4047	1.3299	1.2973	1.3093
NOVEMBER 28	828,482	3,953,664	5,038,214	970,098	2,463,899	4,148,900	6,612,799

Further data may be found on the Internet at: http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/price/cheddar/

CHEESE MARKETS

NORTHEAST

Prices are lower for process items, higher for natural styles, and unchanged on Swiss. The market tone is mixed. There is good demand for cheddar, particularly aged, but the call for process isn't as brisk as many had hoped. With the Christmas shopping season in full swing, process cheese sales through fast food outlets and other restaurants are expected to improve. Retail sales are about steady. Cheese production has been relatively light, but a little more milk was available over the long, holiday weekend. Cheddar stocks are mostly adequate for needs. Mozzarella production and sales are steady.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Cheddar 10# Prints	:	1.4350-1.9150
Cheddar Single Daisies	:	1.4050-1.9200
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.5700-1.7300
Process 5# Loaf	:	1.5100-1.6375
Process 5# Sliced	:	1.5300-1.6950
Muenster	:	1.6125-1.9925
Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	:	2.2500-2.5050

MIDWEST

The cheese market is steady on natural, unsettled to weak on barrels. At the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on November 24, the price of blocks increased .75 cent to $1.4325, but barrels declined .50 cent to $1.3000 per pound. Many traders are surprised that the spread continues to increase, despite some efforts to narrow the spread by reducing barrel output. Process movement is steady at seasonally moderate levels. Current natural demand and orders are mostly steady. Packagers have been operating on seasonally active schedules trying to prepare holiday orders. Current natural supplies are about in balance. Aged cheddar interest is seasonal with the usual hit and miss pattern with available supplies. The interruption caused by the holiday has caused some additional overtime to occur. In at least some areas of the region, holiday surplus milk supplies were limited. Milk intakes are starting to show more consistent week to week increase patterns.

WISCONSIN WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process American 5# Loaf	:	1.4975-1.6600
Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	:	1.6900-1.8900
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.6825-1.9150
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.8800-1.9150
Blue 5#	:	2.0350-2.2300
Mozzarella 5 - 6# (Low Moisture, Part Skim)	:	1.7700-1.9150
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.2800-2.4850

WEST

Western process prices are steady to fractionally lower and natural prices are fractionally higher. Process sales are mixed with some contacts calling the market slower than anticipated while others are calling the market quite good. Contacts are watching their inventory levels very closely with the possibility of lower prices in the near future. Blocks are moving better in comparison with barrels. Stocks are in good balance. Cheese production was slightly heavier due to some additional milk being available because of the long holiday weekend. The additional offerings were minimal and welcome.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED, DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS MIXED LOTS)

Process 5# Loaf	:	1.4900-1.7425
Cheddar 40# Block	:	1.6150-1.7300
Cheddar 10# Cuts	:	1.7500-1.9550
Monterey Jack 10#	:	1.7150-1.9175
Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	:	2.3375-2.5600

FOREIGN TYPE CHEESE

Prices are unchanged to fractionally higher and the market tone is seasonally firm. Sales of table cheese are near peak levels. However, higher retail prices do tend to hurt sales. There is some additional interest on domestically made styles or brands because of price differences. According to the FAS, U.S. cheese imports for the first nine months of 1997 totaled 62.59 million kilograms (approx. 138 million lbs.), down 6.65 million kilograms (9.6%) from the same period last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: FOB DISTRIBUTORS DOCK DOLLARS PER POUND (1000 - 5000 POUNDS, MIXED LOTS)

	NEW YORK	
VARIETY	IMPORTED	DOMESTIC
Roquefort	5.5000-6.8900	-0-
Blue	2.6400-3.1400	1.7675-2.3775*
Gorgonzola	3.2400-5.9400	2.4325-2.4950*
Parmesan (Italy)	TFEWR	3.1775-3.2150*
Romano (Italy)	2.0900-2.9000	-0-
Provolone (Italy)	3.4400-5.5000	1.4400-1.9475*
Romano (Cows Milk)	-0-	2.9650-3.2175*
Sardo Romano (Argentine)	2.6500-3.2900	-0-
Reggianito (Argentine)	2.6500-3.2900	-0-
Jarlsberg-(Brand)	2.7400-3.1200	-0-
Swiss Cuts Switzerland	-0-	2.2500-2.5050
Swiss Cuts Finnish	2.5900-2.8500	-0-
Swiss Cuts Austrian	2.2500-2.7500	-0-
Edam		
2 Pound	TFEWR	-0-
4 Pound	2.1900-3.0900	-0-
Gouda, Large	2.3900-3.1500	-0-
Gouda, Baby ($/Dozen)		
10 Ounce	27.8000-31.7000	-0-

* = Price change.

FLUID MILK AND CREAM

EAST

Milk production is increasing in more of the Southern states. Milk output is steady to slightly heavier in the Northeast. Snowfalls of 1-3 feet in the northern most areas of New York and New England have forced cows to be barned. This usually negatively affects the milk flow until the cows adjust to being inside. Fluid milk supplies are in better balance in the Northeast, but still tight in scattered areas. Florida handlers took in only 23 loads this week and shipments into the Carolinas were also down sharply. This left more surplus milk for manufacturing in the Middle Atlantic and other shipping areas. Bottled milk sales are slower after Thanksgiving, but bottlers were very active refilling school lunch pipelines. The condensed skim market is steady and prices are slightly higher. However, some suppliers, anticipating sharply lower butter prices, have announced higher condensed prices for December. Sales at these levels have not been confirmed at this time. The fluid cream market is steady. Offerings are fully adequate and multiples are steady to lower. Multiples are 134 - 145 mostly 138 - 140 times the A butter price, f.o.b. Demand ranges from slow to fairly good. Interest was best early in the week. Some ice cream producers are taking heavy volumes as they prepare for down time during the holidays. Others are making a little less ice cream and hoping for lower cream/fat prices later in the month. Egg nog output is slow, but expected to be back on line in a week to ten days. Sour cream and cream cheese production is heavy and seasonal demand for both is good. Cream cheese is being exported under DEIP. Volumes are not too heavy, but bids for nearly 350,000 lbs. were accepted during November. Cream bottlers are very active as they prepare for the year end holidays. Churning activity is mixed ranging from generally light to moderately heavy.

FLUID CREAM AND CONDENSED SKIM PRICES IN TANKLOT QUANTITIES

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, $ PER LB BUTTERFAT

F.O.B. Producing Plants: Northeast	-	2.0033 - 2.1678	
Delivered Equivalent Atlanta	-	2.0033 - 2.2440	M 2.0354-2.0930
F.O.B. Producing Plants: Upper Midwest	-	2.0631 - 2.1678	

PRICES OF CLASS II CONDENSED SKIM, $ PER LB WET SOLIDS

F.O.B. Producing Plants: Northeast	-	1.0000 - 1.0500

MIDWEST

WISCONSIN SPOT SHIPMENTS:

SPOT SHIPMENTS:	LOADS
NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 4, 1997	0
PREVIOUS WEEK	0
COMPARABLE WEEK IN 1996	0

Class I sales were irregular, as schools closed over the long holiday weekend, though volumes rebounded with there reopening this week. Some retail bottled milk promotions late last week limited the volumes of surplus milk available to manufacturing plants. Other bottlers had extra milk and pushed some volumes back to suppliers. Milk supplies overall remain seasonally tight. Many handlers were surprised how little extra milk supplies actually ended up being available over the Thanksgiving holiday and little, if any, was reported cleared at below class prices. Manufacturing schedules did increase at some plants with intakes backed up in a few plants. Not included in the out of area total are the 24 loads of Wisconsin milk that are "direct shipped" and pooled under a Southern Federal Order. Under intra regional shipments from Wisconsin, 16 loads were shipped to Ohio, 8 loads to Michigan, and 6 loads to Missouri. These other shipments were generally not affected by the holiday. Milk production has generally hit the bottom for the year in the upper tier of states and has started the slow week by week increase pattern. In the Missouri area, milk receipts are generally steady to slightly higher. Cream demand is still good though buyers are trying to limit purchases to short term needs as many expect prices to fall within a few weeks after most year end holiday orders are filled. Weekend cream prices are occasionally traded at prices well below the range (under $2.00) as options were limited for some sellers. Most fieldwork has been completed until next year except for the usual manure hauling and regular chores as snow has blanketed many parts of the upper tier of Midwestern states.

WISCONSIN LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS (PER CWT.)

	NOV 25 - DEC 3	PREVIOUS YEAR
SLAUGHTER COWS	$ 31.00- 36.00	$ 26.00- 33.00
REPLACEMENT HEIFER CALVES	$ 90.00-165.00	$ 90.00-180.00

SOUTH ST. PAUL TERMINAL AUCTION MARKET (PER CWT.)

	NOV 25 - DEC 3	PREVIOUS YEAR
SLAUGHTER COWS	$ 31.00- 38.75	$ 26.50- 33.00

WEST

The November 4a price (butter/powder) in California is $13.85, up 63 cents from October 1997 and $1.52 higher than last year. The 4b price (cheese) is $12.33, 15 cents higher than last month and 92 cents more than last year. Weather conditions remain seasonally cooler in Arizona and New Mexico and are providing good milk producing environments. Milk production levels are seasonally mixed in California. Cooler weather conditions are impacting output in the northern parts of the state. Milder weather conditions are more prevalent in central California. Output is holding steady with recent weeks. In more southern California, production remains good. In all areas, output is outpacing 1996 levels. Feed costs remain a big concern for producers. Transportation issues have placed additional pressure on feed availability and are impacting prices. Cream demand is fair to good. Multiples in California are around the 128 to 132 range, but more unsettled as the week progresses. The unsettledness surrounding butter prices is evident in the market. Buyers are starting to demand that prices be based off the upcoming market, not last week's. They do not want to be caught with high-priced cream should butter prices drop, as some contacts anticipate. The U.S. "all milk" price for November is $14.30 at a fat test of 3.76%. All milk prices for selected Western states for November are as follows: Arizona $14.20 at 3.59%, California $13.30 at 3.74%, Colorado $14.00 at 3.73%, Idaho $12.90 at 3.63%, New Mexico $13.70 at 3.60%, Oregon $14.70 at 3.76%, Utah $13.30 at 3.76%, and Washington $14.80 at 3.74%. Conditions are generally dryer and cooler than normal in the Pacific Northwest. Concern is being expressed about the early season lack of snow in the Cascades with the hope that it is only a short term problem. More producers are trying to increase feeding rates of corn silage to offset expensive and poor quality hay supplies. Concentrate prices are also a concern. Many producers and contacts are discussing the impact that doing away with Class I differentials might have on their markets. Heifer prices are declining based on the hay situation. Cull prices increased as slaughter numbers declined due to the long holiday weekend. Some producers report that milk output might be close to turning from negative to positive compared to 1996. Very little additional milk became available for processing over the long holiday weekend. Any that was available cleared very easily. Milk supplies generally continue to decline seasonally in the northern Mountain States region. Weather conditions are moderate, reducing the feeding rate necessary for dairy cattle at this time. Export hay demand may be slowing due to the unstable currency situation in the Far East. Pricing is steady with most available hay stocks in the hands of resellers and not producers. Quality remains a big concern for most buyers.

CENTRAL AND WEST DRY MILK PRODUCTS

All reports, except California manufacturing plants, were released 12/04/97 and represent FOB Central and Western production areas. Prices represent CL/TL quantities in 50 lb., 100 lb., or 25 kg. bags, spray process, dollars per pound.

NONFAT DRY MILK - CENTRAL

Prices are fractionally higher on the top end of the range. The overall market tone is weak. Interest in high heat production has improved as the peak holiday baking season approaches. Drying schedules were mixed over the Thanksgiving weekend. Some plants were fairly active as a result of more surplus milk, but in other areas, drying times were minimal because strong fluid sales absorbed most of the available milk. Producers' stocks range from moderate to excessive.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A, all heat treatments
NONFAT DRY MILK: 1.0400 - 1.1050 MOSTLY: 1.0450 - 1.0600

DRY BUTTERMILK - CENTRAL

Prices are fractionally higher on the top end. The market tone continues to be weak. Demand is unaggressive and limited. Offers are available from most producers and resellers. Production levels are down as churning levels are lighter. Stocks are balanced to heavier than desired. Some suppliers are pushing sales at prices below the range to decrease inventories.

BUTTERMILK: .9400 - .9825

DRY WHEY - CENTRAL

Both ranges have increased slightly. The market tone is firm. Demand continues from feed and edible buyers. A few contacts report limited offerings from plants, but many are looking to the resale market to fill immediate needs. Some end users speculate that prices will fall soon and are buying with caution. Spot sales are active and loads quickly clear the market when offered. Production levels range from steady to lower than desired. Until producer stocks begin to develop, contacts believe that the high prices will hold.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .3200 - .3375 MOSTLY: .3225 - .3300

ANIMAL FEED WHEY - CENTRAL

Prices for standard, roller ground, and delactose are unchanged and nominal. Milk replacer prices are higher and nominal. Buying interest remains strong. Supplies are tightening as a result of lower edible whey production levels. Feed buyers are purchasing all the offgrade whey they can obtain. Offerings are generally light for standard and roller ground. There is some increased interest noted for delactose as a less expensive source of protein for rations.

MILK REPLACER:	.2900 - .3225
STANDARD:	.2775 - .3050
ROLLER GROUND:	.3250 - .3300
DELACTOSE (Min. 20% protein):	.3400 - .3650

LACTOSE - CENTRAL AND WEST

Prices are steady and the market tone is improved. Demand has increased and sales activity is stronger. Some orders are being turned away as inventories drop lower. A few end users are being caught short for usage in reformulations. Many contacts continue to negotiate first quarter and yearly contracts. Buyers often want to secure agreements early in order to obtain specific quality product for the upcoming year.

Including spot sales and up to 3 month contracts. Mesh size 30 - 100.
EDIBLE: .1800 - .2600 MOSTLY: .2000 - .2200

WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - CENTRAL AND WEST

Prices are higher and the market tone is showing strength. Demand is strong, especially from feed accounts as they continue to search for lower cost whey replacements in rations. Supplies are tightening and many producers are sold out. Limited amounts are available for spot sales. The combination of decreasing inventories and high edible whey prices has put upward pressure on WPC markets. Stocks range from adequate to short of needs.

EXTRA GRADE 34% PROTEIN: .5725 - .6225 MOSTLY: .6025 - .6100

NONFAT DRY MILK - WEST

NDM prices are steady for both price series and the market undertone continues to be on the weak side. The FAS announced DEIP bid acceptances totaling nearly 12,000 MT of NDM to Mexico. Currently, production runs are mixed. Some plants are increasing drying times to handle surplus milk, while good calls for fluid and other needs are limiting drying at other locations. A Western producer offered NDM to the CCC under the price support program early this week. Producer contacts remain concerned about the change in the support price on January 1. Most people feel that only the mandated change to represent the 15-cent drop in the milk price will take effect. However, the concern that the tilt could/may be adjusted also has some producers planning to put 1997 produced holiday surplus in government bags. This would allow offering to the CCC under the current support price of $1.0470. NDM stocks remain available from most plants and numerous resellers in the region.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A

LOW/MEDIUM HEAT:	1.0300 - 1.0650	MOSTLY: 1.0300 - 1.0500
HIGH HEAT:	1.0550 - 1.0875	

DRY BUTTERMILK - WEST

Prices are mostly steady for both ranges. The market tone remains weak. Additional offerings are available in the region and from resellers, but demand is light. Buyers are not very aggressive at any pricing level. Churning levels are mixed with butter makers very cautious at current butter prices. Sales of cream are good and are limiting churning. Buttermilk stocks continue to be greater than needs.

BUTTERMILK: .9000 - .9800 MOSTLY: .9300 - .9400

DRY WHEY - WEST

The Western whey price range widened and the mostly increased fractionally. The general market undertone remains firm. Some additional offerings are noted from producers, but they are clearing very easily. Little new resale activity is noted. Production increased slightly over the holiday weekend. Stocks remain closely balanced to short of trade needs. Contacts are beginning to look at making sales into the new year. Both sides of the transactions are uncertain as to how pricing will eventually work out.

NONHYGROSCOPIC: .2650 - .3200 MOSTLY: .2850 - .2950

CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURING PLANTS

The weighted average price for Extra Grade and Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk for the seven day period ended November 28, on powder sales of 7,280,919 pounds f.o.b. California manufacturing plants was $1.0440 per pound. This compares to 11,278,174 pounds at $1.0434 for the previous week ending November 21, 1997. Prices for both periods were influenced by the effect of long-term contract sales. Compiled by the Dairy Marketing Branch, California Department of Food and Agriculture.

NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, AND NATIONAL MILK PRODUCTS

All reports represent carlot/trucklot quantities in 50 lb., 100 lb., or 25 kg. bags, spray process, dollars per pound, unless otherwise specified. Delivered Southeast is delivered equivalent Atlanta.

NONFAT DRY MILK - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST

Prices and the market tone are unchanged. Production levels are starting to increase now that milk shipments to Southeastern handlers are dramatically lower and milk production is starting to move slightly higher. Producer stocks, though heavy, are in better balance. Some producers have worked their inventories down to the point where they are having to make more low heat NDM to meet orders. High heat powder is still in relatively tight supply. Most butter/powder plants came through the Thanksgiving weekend without any problems. Surplus milk volumes were not very heavy. Domestic demand is steady, but relatively unaggressive. Export sales via DEIP are more common and clearing quite a bit of Eastern powder.

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A, all heat treatments

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	1.0400 - 1.1400 MOSTLY 1.0500 - 1.0700
DELVD SOUTHEAST:	1.0700 - 1.0850

DRY BUTTERMILK - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST

Prices and the market tone are steady. Production levels are light to moderate and producers' stocks are closely balanced. Most plants have some powder on hand for immediate shipment, but volumes are manageable. Demand is just fair. For the past few weeks, traders and producers are reporting little spot interest for dry buttermilk.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	.9700 - 1.0000
DELVD SOUTHEAST:	.9700 - 1.0250

DRY WHOLE MILK - NATIONAL

Prices and the market tone are mostly unchanged. However, some DEIP contracts were made for future delivery at prices below the current range. There have been no new DEIP bid acceptances since mid-November. Domestic demand is slow to fair and often for LTL quantities. Production levels are mostly geared to filling contracts.

F.O.B. PRODUCING PLANT:	1.3500 - 1.5000

DEIP BID ACCEPTANCE SUMMARY

JULY 1, 1997 THROUGH NOVEMBER 28, 1997
WITH CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS REPORT

NONFAT DRY MILK	-- 71,365	MT (157,331,278 LBS)
CHANGE	-- 11,985	MT (26,422,131 LBS)
WHOLE MILK POWDER	-- 3,913	MT (8,626,600 LBS)
CHEESE	-- 1,615	MT (3,560,429 LBS)
CHANGE	-- 89	MT (196,209 LBS)
BUTTERFAT	-- 14,339	MT (31,611,759 LBS)
CHANGE	-- 723	MT (1,593,926 LBS)

Allocations for the DEIP year beginning July 1,1997 are:
Nonfat dry milk - 92,217 MT; Whole Milk Powder - 7,487 MT;
Cheese - 3,510 MT; Butterfat - 34,232 MT

DRY WHEY - NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST

Prices are mostly steady. The market tone remains firm. Most Eastern producers continue to report being sold out for the next several weeks. Many are just trying to get caught up with existing orders/contracts. Demand is fair to good and easily clears any offerings. However, there is still resistance to the higher prices. Most spot sales are resales. Reports indicate that buyers and producers are negotiating next year's contracts. Suppliers, particularly those who had to cut contracts this year, may not contract such a high percentage of their 1998 output. Export interest is limited by current high prices.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	EXTRA GRADE	.3175 - .3275
	USPH GRADE A	.3450 - .3625
DELVD SOUTHEAST:		.3350 - .3675

ANIMAL FEED WHEY - NORTHEAST

Prices remain too few to report. Demand is slow to good depending on the segment of the market. Veal growers are commenting on the tight whey and WPC supplies and high prices. On the other hand, hog growers continue to take contracted and some spot volumes.

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:	MILK REPLACER	TFEWR

EVAPORATED MILK - NATIONAL

Prices and the market tone are unchanged. Production levels are up slightly in some plants; steady in others. Orders are good as retail sales usually peak at this time of year. Holiday baking has a big influence on sales. Plant stocks are seasonally light as producers have been filling holiday orders from their inventory. Typically, production levels cannot keep pace with the very good orders at this time of year.

DOLLARS PER 48 - 12 FLUID OUNCE CANS PER CASE DELIVERED TO MAJOR U.S. CITIES $22.50 - 33.00
Excluding promotional and other sales allowances. Included new price announcements.

CASEIN - NATIONAL

Prices are unchanged for both casein types. The market tone is steady at current pricing levels. Market activity remains centered on contracts. Spot interest is minimal for both acid and rennet. Supplies are adequate to cover current needs.

SPOT SALES AND UP TO 3 MONTH CONTRACTS. PRICES ARE FOR EDIBLE NONRESTRICTED AND VARY ACCORDING TO MESH SIZE AND QUALITY.

RENNET:	2.1700 - 2.2500
ACID:	2.0000 - 2.1000

COFFEE, SUGAR, & COCOA EXCHANGE AND CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE FUTURES

Selected settling prices, (open interest), and volume 1/

Month	11/20	11/21	11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	12/01	12/02	12/03
CSCE CHEDDAR CHEESE -- Cents per pound										
DEC 97	125.80 (10) 0	126.80 (10) 0	126.80 (10) 0	126.80 (10) 0	126.80 (10) 0	NO TRADING	NO TRADING	125.80 (10) 0	128.00 (10) 0	128.00 (10) 0
FEB 98	124.10 (0) 0	124.10 (0) 0	124.10 (0) 0	124.10 (0) 0	124.10 (0) 0			123.10 (0) 0	125.30 (0) 0	125.30 (0) 0
CSCE - NONFAT DRY MILK -- Cents per pound										
DEC 97	106.00 (0) 0	106.00 (0) 0	106.00 (0) 0	106.00 (0) 0	106.00 (0) 0	NO TRADING	NO TRADING	106.00 (0) 0	106.00 (0) 0	106.00 (0) 0
FEB 98	106.00 (0) 0	102.20 (0) 0	102.20 (0) 0	102.20 (0) 0	102.20 (0) 0			102.20 (0) 0	102.20 (0) 0	102.20 (0) 0
CSCE - BUTTER -- Cents per lb.										
DEC 97	105.50 (66) 0	105.50 (66) 0	105.00 (66) 0	105.00 (66) 0	112.50 (66) 0	NO TRADING	NO TRADING	105.00 (66) 0	100.50 (66) 0	100.50 (66) 0
FEB 98	90.50 (0) 0	90.50 (0) 0	90.00 (0) 0	90.00 (0) 0	97.50 (0) 0			90.00 (0) 0	85.50 (0) 0	85.50 (0) 0
CSCE - BFP -- Dollars per cwt.										
NOV 97	12.74 (214) 21	12.78 (199) 10	12.80 (204) 5	12.80 (205) 1	12.73 (210) 7	NO TRADING	NO TRADING	12.84 (210) 0	12.84 (205) 0	12.84 (203) 2
DEC 97	12.36 (183) 22	12.50 (184) 1	12.58 (192) 12	12.63 (192) 5	12.63 (190) 1			12.67 (190) 14	12.67 (192) 6	12.59 (195) 8
JAN 98	12.04 (127) 4	12.06 (128) 3	12.15 (128) 2	12.13 (128) 3	12.08 (126) 6			12.16 (125) 1	12.16 (126) 1	12.13 (127) 1
FEB 98	12.01 (88) 13	12.06 (88) 1	12.10 (90) 2	12.12 (90) 1	12.09 (88) 4			12.16 (89) 1	12.14 (90) 1	12.10 (90) 1
CSCE - FLUID MILK -- Dollars per cwt.										
DEC 97	12.12 (3) 0	12.12 (3) 0	12.13 (3) 0	12.20 (3) 0	12.20 (2) 1	NO TRADING	NO TRADING	12.20 (2) 0	12.20 (2) 0	12.20 (3) 0
FEB 98	12.57 (0) 0	12.57 (0) 0	12.58 (0) 0	12.65 (0) 0	12.65 (0) 0			12.65 (0) 0	12.65 (0) 0	12.65 (0) 0
CME - BUTTER -- Cents per pound										
FEB 98	108.00 (33) 1	108.25 (4) 5	108.50 (33) 2	108.55 (33) 0	109.50 (33) 0	NO TRADING	107.00 (34) 4	106.75 (35) 2	104.30 (35) 0	104.30 (35) 2
MAR 98	109.45 (17) 0	110.00 (17) 2	111.50 (17) 1	111.50 (17) 1	110.50 (17) 0		108.50 (17) 4	108.30 (19) 3	107.00 (19) 0	107.00 (21) 3
CME - BFP -- Dollars per cwt.										
NOV 97	12.76 (229) 54	12.80 (192) 47	12.80 (188) 20	12.77 (214) 2	12.75 (214) 38	NO TRADING	12.85 (226) 34	12.85 (209) 54	12.85 (220) 28	12.85 (222) 6
DEC 97	12.44 (151) 15	12.55 (166) 49	12.61 (162) 23	12.62 (166) 13	12.61 (154) 16		12.69 (132) 7	12.69 (134) 5	12.62 (126) 12	12.62 (131) 10
JAN 98	12.02 (154) 13	12.04 (149) 24	12.10 (146) 3	12.08 (154) 8	12.05 (154) 6		12.12 (156) 4	12.10 (156) 5	12.10 (156) 0	12.10 (157) 7
FEB 98	12.02 (43) 23	12.05 (49) 6	12.13 (51) 4	12.12 (51) 4	12.11 (52) 6		12.15 (52) 3	12.14 (53) 3	12.12 (56) 7	12.12 (59) 5
MAR 98	12.02 (51) 15	12.05 (49) 8	12.14 (47) 2	12.12 (47) 3	12.12 (47) 2		12.15 (48) 1	12.15 (50) 3	12.13 (50) 1	12.14 (50) 1
CME - CHEDDAR CHEESE -- Cents per pound										
NOV 97	139.00 (14) 1	139.00 (14) 0	139.00 (14) 0	139.25 (14) 0	139.25 (14) 2	NO TRADING	139.25 (14) 0	139.25 (14) 0	139.00 (14) 0	139.00 (14) 0
JAN 98	129.50 (164) 0	130.00 (164) 0	130.00 (167) 5	130.25 (167) 0	129.90 (167) 0		129.90 (167) 0	129.90 (167) 0	130.50 (167) 0	130.25 (167) 1

1/ Open interest for NDM and cheddar -- 4 contracts equal 40,000 pounds. Open interest for fluid milk (at both exchanges) -- 1 contract equals 50,000 pounds. For more detailed information, you may call our automated voice system at 608-224-5088 or the CSCE's Soft Fax at 212-742-6111.

INTERNATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS

Information gathered November 24 - December 5, 1997

Prices are U.S. Dollars per MT, F.O.B. port. Information gathered for this report is from trades, offers to sell, and secondary data. This bi-weekly report may not always contain the same products and/or regions. Future reports may be included or withdrawn depending on availability of information. MT = metric ton = 2,204.6 pounds.

WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE

OVERVIEW: WESTERN EUROPE: In late November, the EU reduced the export bonus for butter and butteroil, reportedly the net effect being the raising prices by about $100 US (depending on currency exchange rates). The higher prices have reached levels of increased buyer resistance. Demand remains good for seasonal dairy products prior to the year end holidays. Little milk is available for drying (industrial) use as commercial demand remains strong. Filling previously made domestic and export contracts, particularly Russian, is keeping butter supplies tight. New Russian interest is quiet as most of their orders for the holidays are already in the pipeline, especially for delivery late in the year when domestic orders have been filled. Milk production is generally at around the low point in the cycle.

BUTTER/BUTTEROIL: The butter market remains firm and prices are steady to higher. Supplies remain tight as sellers continue to work to fill the previous orders for domestic holiday needs as well as for export interest. Strong competition for milk for commercial use is hindering production. Little new interest is noted for next year as prices are at levels of increased buyer resistance.

82% BUTTERFAT:	2,100 - 2,300
99% BUTTERFAT:	2,600 - 2,730

SKIM MILK POWDER (SMP): The current supply situation has improved after recent powder sales to Mexico. Production has been seasonally strong as producers attempt to meet good internal and export commitments for butter.

1.25% BUTTERFAT:	1,600 - 1,775

WHOLE MILK POWDER (WMP): The whole milk market remains mostly firm. Supplies remain tight as current drying schedules remain seasonally light. The continued efforts to fill butter and cheese orders are limiting the volume available for whole milk production. Some producers will not have new powder available until after Christmas when milk available for drying may be more available.

26% BUTTERFAT:	1,850 - 2,040

SWEET WHEY POWDER: The whey market remains firm, with prices generally higher within the range. Demand is improved. Production and offerings remain light due to milk supplies being near the annual low point.

NONHYGROSCOPIC:	600 - 675

EASTERN EUROPE: Most activity centers on filling domestic orders for year end holidays. Buyer resistance to current prices is limiting export interest. Milk receipts continue to trend lower.

OCEANIA

OVERVIEW: Prospects for export interest early next year are not as bright as demand may soften early in the new year. Russian butter sales may decline after current orders are shipped. Milk production is trending lower in both Australia and New Zealand. A recent heat wave in Australia, with some reported temperatures exceeding 100 degrees F, cut further into milk receipts. Rainfall has often been limited, hurting pasture conditions. Concerns continue over possible drought due to El Nino. Continued uncertainty in Asian currency and financial markets may affect demand for dairy products in 1998.

BUTTER: The butter market remains firm with prices unchanged to higher on the lower end of the range. Supplies remain tight. Most current production is fully committed to fill orders made previously. Some unsettledness continues for early 1998 due to currency and financial market problems in parts of the Far East and how that may affect demand.

82% BUTTERFAT:	1,800 - 1,900

CHEDDAR CHEESE: Prices are mostly steady. Supplies range from in balance to fully adequate. The strong demand for butter has helped to reduce the fluid volume available for cheese production.

39% MAXIMUM MOISTURE:	2,050 - 2,250

SKIM MILK POWDER (SMP): Prices are mixed and the market tone is unsettled. The extra skim milk produced by the switch caused by producing more butter, combined with the recent EU subsidy change, and nervous Far Eastern buyers, have made export prices very competitive. Additional volumes are available.

1.25% BUTTERFAT:	1,625 - 1,700

WHOLE MILK POWDER (WMP): The whole milk market is fully steady though prices are steady to higher within the range. Supplies remain tight as some fluid volumes that would normally be used for whole milk were used for butter/powder production.

26% BUTTERFAT:	1,725 - 1,850

Exchange rates for selected foreign currencies: December 1, 1997

.4994 Dutch Guilder	.5622 German Mark
.1681 French Franc	.6102 New Zealand Dollar
.1224 Mexican Peso	.6766 Australian Dollar
1.6855 British Pound	.0078 Japanese Yen
.2808 Polish Zloty	

To compare the value of 1 US Dollar to Mexican Pesos: (1/.1224) = 8.1699. That is 1 US Dollar equals 8.1699 Mexican Pesos.

Source: *Wall Street Journal*

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COMMODITY	REPORT NUMBER 45 NOV 03 - 07	REPORT NUMBER 46 NOV 10 - 14	REPORT NUMBER 47 NOV 17 - 21	REPORT NUMBER 48 NOV 24 - 28	1997 Average or Total	1996 Average or Total
BUTTER						
CHICAGO (WSP) 2/ (Delivered in Bulk in Fiber Boxes) (Prices Issued Tues, Thurs and Fri)						
TUESDAY						
-- Grade AA	1.5750 - 1.5850	1.5750 - 1.5850	1.6000 - 1.6100	1.6000 - 1.6100		
-- Grade A	1.4700 - 1.4800	1.4700 - 1.4800	1.4950 - 1.5050	1.4950 - 1.5050		
THURSDAY						
-- Grade AA	1.5750 - 1.5850	1.5750 - 1.5850	1.6000 - 1.6100	1.6000 - 1.6100		
-- Grade A	1.4700 - 1.4800	1.4700 - 1.4800	1.4950 - 1.5050	1.4950 - 1.505		
FRIDAY						
-- Grade AA	1.5750 - 1.5850	1.5750 - 1.5850	1.6000 - 1.6100	1.6000 - 1.6100	1.5925	0.8579
-- Grade A	1.4700 - 1.4800	1.4700 - 1.4800	1.4950 - 1.5050	1.4950 - 1.5050	1.4875	0.7412
CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE 3/						
-- Grade AA	1.5750	1.6000	1.6000	1.6000	1.5892	0.8248
-- Grade A	1.4700	1.4950	1.4950	1.4950	1.4842	0.7147
-- Grade B	1.4700	1.4950	1.4950	1.4950	1.4842	0.6870
CENTRAL STATES PRINT (f.o.b. LTL)						
-- Grade AA, 1/4 Lb. Prints	1.6750 - 2.0825	1.6750 - 2.0825	1.7000 - 2.1075	1.7000 - 2.1075	1.8913	1.1659
-- Grade AA, 1 Lb. Prints	1.6400 - 1.8025	1.6400 - 1.8025	1.6650 - 1.8275	1.6650 - 1.8275	1.7338	1.0084
-- Grade AA, Chips/Patties	1.6650 - 1.8750	1.6650 - 1.8750	1.6900 - 1.9000	1.6900 - 1.9000	1.7825	1.0571
-- Grade AA, Reddies	1.7500 - 1.9850	1.7500 - 1.9850	1.7750 - 2.0100	1.7750 - 2.0100	1.8800	1.1534
-- Grade AA, Continentals	1.9050 - 2.0950	1.9050 - 2.0950	1.9300 - 2.1200	1.9300 - 2.1200	2.0125	1.2871
NORTHEAST PRINT (Delivered, LTL)						
-- Grade AA, 1/4 Lb. Prints	1.7850 - 2.0325	1.7850 - 2.0325	1.8100 - 2.0575	1.8100 - 2.0575	1.9213	1.1859
-- Grade AA, 1 Lb. Prints	1.7000 - 1.8825	1.7000 - 1.8825	1.7250 - 1.9075	1.7250 - 1.9075	1.8038	1.0799
-- Grade AA, Chips/Patties	1.7625 - 1.9425	1.7625 - 1.9425	1.7875 - 1.9675	1.7875 - 1.9675	1.8650	1.1346
-- Grade AA, Reddies	1.8375 - 2.0325	1.8375 - 2.0325	1.8625 - 2.0575	1.8625 - 2.0575	1.9475	1.2271
-- Grade AA, Continentals	1.9175 - 2.0925	1.9175 - 2.0925	1.9425 - 2.1175	1.9425 - 2.1175	2.0175	1.2921
CALIFORNIA PRINT (Delivered, LTL)						
-- Grade AA, 1/4 Lb. Prints	1.8575 - 1.9050	1.8575 - 1.9050	1.8825 - 1.9300	1.8825 - 1.9300	1.8938	1.1778
-- Grade AA, 1 Lb. Prints	1.7875 - 1.8475	1.7875 - 1.8475	1.8125 - 1.8725	1.8125 - 1.8725	1.8300	1.1117
-- Grade AA, Patties	1.8300 - 1.9950	1.8300 - 1.9950	1.8550 - 2.0200	1.8550 - 2.0200	1.9250	1.2109
-- Grade AA, Reddies	1.9550 - 1.9725	1.9550 - 1.9725	1.9800 - 1.9975	1.9800 - 1.9975	1.9763	1.2534
CALIFORNIA PLANTS PRINT (f.o.b. LTL)						
-- Grade AA, 1/4 Lb. Prints	1.5725 - 1.6125	1.5725 - 1.6125	1.5975 - 1.6375	1.5975 - 1.6375	1.6050	0.8985
CHEESE						
CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE 3/						
-- Barrels	1.3575	1.3275	1.3050	1.3000	1.3304	1.2029
-- 40# Blocks	1.4025	1.4100	1.4250	1.4325	1.4129	1.3245
WISCONSIN ASSEMBLY POINTS (f.o.b.)						
-- Cheddar Barrels	1.3650 - 1.3775	1.3650 - 1.3775	1.3275 - 1.3475	1.3050 - 1.3250	1.3494	1.2155
-- Cheddar 40# Blocks	1.4250 - 1.4325	1.4250 - 1.4375	1.4350 - 1.4450	1.4500 - 1.4600	1.4383	1.3393
WISCONSIN (WSP, Delivered, LTL)						
-- Process American 5# Loaf	1.4975 - 1.6800	1.4975 - 1.6800	1.4975 - 1.6600	1.4975 - 1.6600	1.5838	1.6131
-- Brick And/Or Muenster 5#	1.6600 - 1.8550	1.6600 - 1.8600	1.6900 - 1.8675	1.6900 - 1.8825	1.7703	1.7933
-- Cheddar 40# Block	1.6475 - 1.9150	1.6525 - 1.9150	1.6600 - 1.9150	1.6750 - 1.9150	1.7866	1.7714
-- Monterey Jack 10#	1.8475 - 1.9150	1.8525 - 1.9150	1.8600 - 1.9150	1.8750 - 1.9150	1.8866	1.8851
-- Blue 5#	2.0000 - 2.2000	2.0050 - 2.2000	2.0125 - 2.2300	2.0275 - 2.2300	2.1128	2.1294
-- Mozzarella 5 - 6#	1.7400 - 1.9150	1.7400 - 1.9150	1.7700 - 1.9150	1.7700 - 1.9150	1.8350	TFEWR
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	2.2000 - 2.4850	2.2500 - 2.4850	2.2800 - 2.4850	2.2800 - 2.4850	2.3681	2.4859
NORTHEAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)						
-- Cheddar 10# Prints	1.4150 - 1.8800	1.4150 - 1.8850	1.4175 - 1.8925	1.4175 - 1.9075	1.6535	1.7337
-- Cheddar Single Daisies	1.3850 - 1.8850	1.3850 - 1.8900	1.3875 - 1.8975	1.3875 - 1.9125	1.6410	1.6311
-- Cheddar 40# Block	1.5350 - 1.6850	1.5400 - 1.6900	1.5475 - 1.6975	1.5625 - 1.7125	1.6207	1.5449
-- Process 5# Loaf	1.5675 - 1.7175	1.5675 - 1.7175	1.5375 - 1.6875	1.5150 - 1.6650	1.6225	1.5769
-- Process 5# Sliced	1.5875 - 1.7525	1.5875 - 1.7525	1.5575 - 1.7225	1.5350 - 1.7000	1.6500	1.5919
-- Muenster	1.5775 - 1.9725	1.5825 - 1.9725	1.5900 - 1.9750	1.6050 - 1.9750	1.7810	1.7074
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 10 - 14#	2.2500 - 2.5050	2.2500 - 2.5050	2.2500 - 2.5050	2.2500 - 2.5050	2.3775	2.3775
WEST COAST (WSP, Delivered, LTL)						
-- Process 5# Loaf	1.4975 - 1.8000	1.4975 - 1.8000	1.4975 - 1.7700	1.4975 - 1.7475	1.6388	1.6441
-- Cheddar 40# Block	1.5800 - 1.7300	1.5850 - 1.7300	1.5925 - 1.7300	1.6075 - 1.7300	1.6603	1.6894
-- Cheddar 10# Cuts	1.7500 - 1.9200	1.7500 - 1.9250	1.7500 - 1.9325	1.7500 - 1.9475	1.8403	1.8665
-- Monterey Jack 10#	1.7150 - 1.8825	1.7150 - 1.8875	1.7150 - 1.8950	1.7150 - 1.9100	1.8041	1.8226
-- Grade A Swiss Cuts 6 - 9#	2.3375 - 2.5600	2.3375 - 2.5600	2.3375 - 2.5600	2.3375 - 2.5600	2.4488	2.4577

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FLUID AND DRY PRODUCTS						
SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM ($ per lb. butterfat)						
Delivered Equivalent:						
-- Northeast	1.9992 - 2.1756	2.0286 - 2.2050	2.0631 - 2.2425	1.9435 - 2.0930	2.0967	0.9791
-- Atlanta	2.0280 - 2.2092	2.0286 - 2.2092	2.0930 - 2.2724	2.0183 - 2.2440	2.1393	1.0727
-- Upper Midwest	1.8600 - 2.0433	1.8600 - 2.0433	2.0631 - 2.1528	2.0631 - 2.1528	2.0298	0.9631
SPOT PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM ($ per lb. wet solids)						
Delivered Equivalent:						
-- Northeast	1.0050 - 1.0550	1.0000 - 1.0350	0.9975 - 1.0350	0.9975 - 1.0350	1.0203	1.4911
WISCONSIN FLUID MILK SHIPMENTS						
-- Loads Shipped from Wisconsin Shipping Points	8	4	0	0	10	12
NATIONAL EVAPORATED MILK ($ per Case) (Case - 48 - 12 fluid oz cans)						
-- Delivered Major U.S. Cities	22.5000 -33.0000	22.5000 -33.0000	22.5000 -33.0000	22.5000 -33.0000	27.7500	26.6395
NONFAT DRY MILK						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- Extra And Grade A	1.0400 - 1.1050	1.0400 - 1.1050	1.0400 - 1.1000	1.0400 - 1.1000	1.0713	1.2659
-- Mostly	1.0450 - 1.0600	1.0450 - 1.0600	1.0450 - 1.0600	1.0450 - 1.0600	1.0525	1.2453
-- West (f.o.b.)						
-- Low/Medium Heat	1.0300 - 1.0650	1.0300 - 1.0650	1.0300 - 1.0650	1.0300 - 1.0650	1.0475	1.1807
-- Mostly	1.0300 - 1.0500	1.0300 - 1.0500	1.0300 - 1.0500	1.0300 - 1.0500	1.0400	1.1758
-- High Heat	1.0600 - 1.0850	1.0550 - 1.0875	1.0550 - 1.0875	1.0550 - 1.0875	1.0716	1.2237
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)						
-- Extra & Grade A	1.0400 - 1.1400	1.0400 - 1.1400	1.0400 - 1.1400	1.0400 - 1.1400	1.0900	1.2995
-- Southeast (Delvd)						
-- Extra & Grade A	1.0700 - 1.0850	1.0700 - 1.0850	1.0700 - 1.0850	1.0700 - 1.0850	1.0775	1.2925
WHEY POWDER (Nonhygroscopic)						
-- Central (f.o.b.)	0.3100 - 0.3600	0.3100 - 0.3350	0.3100 - 0.3400	0.3100 - 0.3425	0.3275	0.1834
-- Mostly	0.3125 - 0.3200	0.3150 - 0.3250	0.3200 - 0.3250	0.3200 - 0.3275	0.3205	0.1826
-- West (f.o.b.)	0.2700 - 0.3200	0.2700 - 0.3000	0.2600 - 0.3025	0.2700 - 0.3050	0.2873	0.1922
-- Mostly	0.2750 - 0.2800	0.2775 - 0.2875	0.2800 - 0.2925	0.2825 - 0.2950	0.2835	0.1866
-- Northeast Extra Grade (f.o.b.)	0.3100 - 0.3350	0.3100 - 0.3400	0.3150 - 0.3350	0.3200 - 0.3275	0.3240	0.1851
-- Northeast Usph Grade A(f.o.b.)	0.3400 - 0.3575	0.3400 - 0.3575	0.3450 - 0.3575	0.3450 - 0.3625	0.3506	0.1949
-- Southeast Extra Grade (Delvd)	0.3325 - 0.3550	0.3250 - 0.3550	0.3200 - 0.3600	0.3200 - 0.3625	0.3413	0.2109
WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE						
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)						
-- Extra Grade 34% Protein	0.5650 - 0.6150	0.5650 - 0.6175	0.5700 - 0.6200	0.5700 - 0.6200	0.5928	0.6541
-- Mostly	0.5950 - 0.6000	0.5975 - 0.6025	0.6000 - 0.6050	0.6000 - 0.6050	0.6006	0.6551
ANIMAL FEED - WHEY						
-- Central (f.o.b.)						
-- Milk Replacer	0.2875 - 0.3100	0.2875 - 0.3100	0.2900 - 0.3150	0.2900 - 0.3150	0.3006	0.1704
-- Standard	TFEWR	0.2800 - 0.3050	0.2800 - 0.3050	0.2775 - 0.3050	TFEWR	0.1603
-- Roller Ground	0.3175 - 0.3300	0.3175 - 0.3300	0.3250 - 0.3300	0.3250 - 0.3300	0.3256	0.1946
-- Delactose	0.3400 - 0.3600	0.3400 - 0.3650	0.3400 - 0.3650	0.3400 - 0.3650	0.3518	0.3761
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)						
-- Milk Replacer	TFEWR	TFEWR	TFEWR	TFEWR	TFEWR	TFEWR
BUTTERMILK (Min. 30% protein)						
-- Central (f.o.b.)	0.9500 - 1.0000	0.9500 - 0.9950	0.9400 - 0.9900	0.9400 - 0.9800	0.9683	1.2020
-- West (f.o.b.)	0.9000 - 0.9850	0.9000 - 0.9800	0.9000 - 0.9800	0.9000 - 0.9800	0.9407	1.2839
-- Mostly	0.9300 - 0.9450	0.9300 - 0.9400	0.9300 - 0.9400	0.9300 - 0.9400	0.9357	TFEWR
-- Northeast (f.o.b.)	0.9800 - 1.0400	0.9800 - 1.0300	0.9700 - 1.0300	0.9700 - 1.0000	1.0006	1.2218
-- Southeast (Delvd)	1.0000 - 1.0350	0.9700 - 1.0250	0.9700 - 1.0250	0.9700 - 1.0250	1.0031	TFEWR
WHOLE MILK POWDER						
-- National						
-- F.O.B. Producing Plant	1.3500 - 1.5000	1.3500 - 1.5000	1.3500 - 1.5000	1.3500 - 1.5000	1.4250	1.3917
LACTOSE						
-- Central And West (f.o.b.)	0.1800 - 0.2600	0.1800 - 0.2600	0.1800 - 0.2600	0.1800 - 0.2600	0.2200	0.2217
-- Mostly	0.2000 - 0.2200	0.2000 - 0.2200	0.2000 - 0.2200	0.2000 - 0.2200	0.2100	0.2200
CASEIN - Edible - National (f.o.b.)						
-- Nonrestricted - Rennet	2.2000 - 2.2500	2.1800 - 2.2500	2.1700 - 2.2500	2.1700 - 2.2500	2.2153	2.4500
-- Nonrestricted - Acid	2.0000 - 2.1000	2.0000 - 2.1000	2.0000 - 2.1000	2.0000 - 2.1000	2.0500	2.3276

1/ Prices for all products not footnoted 2/ or 3/ are issued once a week and represent a value for the entire week. Monthly averages are based on weekly prices and are time-weighted according to the number of workdays in the month - Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays excluded. No monthly average is computed if one or more weekly prices are missing. 2/ The monthly averages are simple averages of all the prices reported during the month and are shown on the Friday line. 3/ The monthly averages are based on the exchange trading date prices and are time-weighted for each day, starting with the exchange trading date, until the next exchange trading date - Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays are included.

DEIP BID ACCEPTANCE
NOVEMBER 1997

ACCEPTANCE DATE	DESTINATION	QUANTITY (MT)	DEL. PERIOD	BONUS/MT
	NONFAT DRY MILK			
JULY - OCTOBER 1997		55,249		
11/03	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	160	NOV	$805
11/03	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	119	NOV-DEC	$770
11/05	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	117	NOV-DEC	$770
11/05	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	1,156	DEC-APR	$824.56
11/06	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	340	DEC-FEB	$825
11/07	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	640	DEC-FEB	$810
11/07	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	97	NOV-JAN	$752.74
11/13	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	700	MAR-JUN	$813
11/14	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	102	NOV-FEB	$770
11/17	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	317	NOV-FEB	$815.63
11/18	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	158	NOV-DEC	$790
11/19	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	18	NOV-JAN	$820
11/20	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	98	NOV-FEB	$820
11/21	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	37	NOV-DEC	$756.62
11/21	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	72	NOV-DEC	$800
11/26	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	300	JAN-MAY	$780
11/28	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	4,167	NOV-MAR	$820
11/28	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	7,518	DEC-MAR	$724.90
NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 1997		16,116		
PROGRAM TO DATE		71,365		
	WHOLE MILK POWDER			
JULY - OCTOBER 1997		3,420		
11/05	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	84	NOV-DEC	$1,155
11/13	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	31	NOV-JAN	$1,155
11/13	AFRICA,MIDDLE EAST & FSU	278	NOV-MAR	$1,178
11/14	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	100	NOV-MAY	$1,154.80
NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 1997		493		
PROGRAM TO DATE		3,913		

DEIP BID ACCEPTANCE
NOVEMBER 1997

ACCEPTANCE DATE	DESTINATION	QUANTITY (MT)	DEL. PERIOD	BONUS/MT
	CHEESE			
JULY - OCTOBER 1997		1,048		
11/06-P	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	89	NOV-JAN	$816.98
11/ 14-M	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	22	DEC-JAN	$1,035
11/17-M	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	17	DEC-JAN	$1,125
11/19-M	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	23	NOV-JAN	$1,052
11/19-CC	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	47	NOV-DEC	$1,000
11/19-P	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	50	NOV-FEB	$829
11/21-C	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	100	NOV-DEC	$1,315
11/21-CC	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	111	NOV-DEC	$1,000
11/21-P	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	19	NOV-DEC	$829
11/24-P	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	19	NOV-FEB	$785
11/25-P	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	30	NOV-FEB	$760
11/26-C	ASIA & FSU	18	DEC-JAN	$1,350
11/28-M	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	22	NOV-FEB	$1,085
NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 1997		567		
PROGRAM TO DATE		1,615		
C-CHEDDAR, G-GOUDA, M-MOZZARELLA, P-PROCESSED AMERICAN CHEESE, CC-CREAM CHEESE				
	BUTTEROIL/ANHYDROUS MILKFAT			
JULY - OCTOBER 1997		12,286*		
11/14-A	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	308	JAN-FEB	$1,750
11/14-A	ASIA & FSU	190	FEB-MAR	$1,750
11/14-A	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	55	JAN-APR	$1,725
11/18-A	AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	110	JAN-APR	$1,750
11/21-B	ASIA & FSU	500	JAN-JUN	$1,215
11/24-A	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S.AM	570	JAN-FEB	$1,728
11/26-B	CARIBBEAN, CENT & S. AM	10	NOV-MAR	$1,200
NOVEMBER 1 - 30, 1997		2,050*		
PROGRAM TO DATE		14,339*		
A.-ANHYDROUS, O-BUTTEROIL, B-BUTTER				
*TOTALS DO NOT ADD DUE TO CONVERSION OF ANHYDROUS /BUTTEROIL TO BUTTER EQUIVALENT				
				PROGRAM-TO-DATE
	TOTAL MT			91,232
	TOTAL BONUS VALUE			$82,002,000

Exporters of U.S. milk powder, butterfat and cheddar cheese are aided under the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP), created by Food Security Act of 1985 and extended by the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990. Export sales are facilitated through payment of bonuses by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation. Sales of dairy products will be made through normal commercial channels at competitive world prices. For further information call L.T. McElvain, (202) 720-6211. Conversion: 1 metric ton (MT) = 2,204.6 pounds.
July 1, 1997 started a one year program for the DEIP allocations . Refer to Volume 64 report 27 pages 13 & 14 for country qualifactions.

SOURCE: FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

CCC PURCHASES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

	FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 5, 1997:			CUMULATIVE TOTALS		UNCOMMITTED INVENTORIES	
	TOTAL PURCHASES	CONTRACT ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED PURCHASES	SINCE 10/01/97	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR	PERIOD ENDING 11/28/97	SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR
BUTTER							
Bulk	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Packaged	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CHEESE							
Block	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Barrel	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Process	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
NONFAT DRY MILK							
Nonfortified	773,814	-0-	773,814	1,630,207	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fortified	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	773,814	-0-	773,814	1,630,207	-0-	-0-	-0-

MILK EQUIVALENT, MILKFAT AND SKIM SOLIDS BASIS, OF ADJUSTED PURCHASES (MILLION POUNDS)

	MILKFAT* BASIS	SKIM** SOLIDS
PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 5, 1997 =	0.2	9.0
CUMULATIVE SINCE OCTOBER 1, 1997 =	0.4	19.0
CUMULATIVE JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 5, 1997 =	25.0	409.4

	MILKFAT* BASIS	SKIM** SOLIDS
COMPARABLE WEEK IN 1996 =	0.0	0.0
CUMULATIVE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR =	0.0	0.0
COMPARABLE CALENDAR YEAR 1996 =	0.0	0.0

* Factors used for Milkfat Solids Basis: Butter times 21.80; Cheese times 9.23; and Nonfat Dry Milk times 0.22
**Factors used for Skim Solids Basis: Butter times 0.12; Cheese times 9.90; and Nonfat Dry Milk times 11.64

CCC ADJUSTED PURCHASES SINCE 10/1/97 AND SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (POUNDS) AND MILK EQUIVALENT AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL

	BUTTER		CHEESE		NONFAT DRY MILK		MILK EQUIVALENT	
REGION	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97
MIDWEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	0.0	0.0
WEST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,520,032	-0-	93.3	0.0
EAST	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	110,175	-0-	6.7	0.0
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	1,630,207	-0-	100.0	0.0

SUPPORT PURCHASE PRICES FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS PRODUCED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997

MANUFACTURING MILK: Average Test 3.67% - $10.20 per cwt.; 3.5% - $10.10

DOLLARS PER POUND

BUTTER: Bulk $.6500; 1# Prints $.6800

CHEESE: 40 & 60# Blocks $1.1300; 500# Barrels $1.1000; Process American 5# $1.1825; Process American 2# $1.2225

NONFAT DRY MILK: Nonfortified $1.0470; Fortified $1.0570; Instant $1.2045

Dairy Cow & Total Cow Slaughter under Federal Inspection, by Regions & U.S., for Week Ending 11/15/97 & Comparable Week 1996 (1/ 2/)

Regions*	1	2	3**	4**	5	6	7	8	9	10	U.S. TOTAL: WEEK	U.S. TOTAL: SINCE JAN 1	% DAIRY OF ALL: WEEK	% DAIRY OF ALL: SINCE JAN 1
1997-Dairy cows HD (000)	0.4	1.6	---	14.3	26.4	3.1	3.6	0.8	10.0	2.6	62.7	2,559.1	42.7	45.6
1996-Dairy cows HD (000)	0.4	1.5	---	15.1	29.5	2.7	4.1	1.0	8.9	2.5	65.8	2,652.0	39.6	42.9
1997-All cows HD (000)	0.4	1.7	---	29.6	37.7	22.3	23.3	10.6	13.4	7.7	146.8	5,615.7		
1996-All cows HD (000)	0.4	1.6	---	32.8	40.3	27.4	27.0	14.7	13.6	8.5	166.3	6,177.0	**REGION 3 & 4 COMBINED**	

SOURCE: The slaughter data are gathered and tabulated in a cooperative effort by the Agricultural Marketing Service, The Food Safety and Inspection Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service, all of USDA.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: Region 1--ME, NH, VT, CT, MA, and RI; Region 2--NY and NJ; Region 3--DE, PA, WV, VA, and MD; Region 4--KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS, and FL; Region 5--MI, OH, IN, IL, WI, and MN; Region 6--TX, OK, NM, AR, and LA; Region 7--IA, NB, KS, and MO; Region 8--MT, WY, CO, UT, ND, and SD; Region 9--CA, NV, AZ, and HA; Region 10--ID, OR, and WA. 2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

CCC MARKET PRICE PURCHASES (POUNDS) 11/25/97

CHEESE	JANUARY DELIVERY
PROCESS	
SLICED	1,465,200 $1.3100-1.3997

CCC MARKET PRICE INVITATION (POUNDS) 11/25/97

CHEESE
PROCESS
AMERICAN/SKIM 158,400
BLEND 6/5 LB. SLICED

OFFERS ARE DUE DECEMBER 8. PUBLIC RELEASE IS AT 4:00 DECEMBER 11.

CUMULATIVE TOTAL CHEESE PURCHASES SINCE 10/1/97 = 22,441,163

CUMULATIVE TOTAL NDM PURCHASES SINCE 10/1/97 = 85,979

BASIC FORMULA PRICE (BFP), MAY 1995* TO DATE & HISTORIC M-W (3.5% BF, $/CWT.)

YEAR	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
1994	12.41	12.41	12.77	12.99	11.51	11.25	11.41	11.73	12.04	12.29	11.86	11.38
1995	11.35	11.79	11.89	11.16	*11.12	11.42	11.23	11.55	12.08	12.61	12.87	12.91
1996	12.73	12.59	12.70	13.09	13.77	13.92	14.49	14.94	15.37	14.13	11.61	11.34
1997	11.94	12.46	12.49	11.44	10.70	10.74	10.86	12.07	12.79	12.83		